

IRON ON THE UP GRADE.

A Reaction From the Low Prices of Previous Years.

STEEL SHARES THE STRENGTH.

Dry Goods Firm With a Brisk Jobbing Business—The London Wool Market—Boots and Shoes—Trade Notes.

The Course of Commerce.

SEPTEMBER 15.—The principal feature of the market last week was the strong upward movement in Swedish iron. The demand for this iron has been large for the past few weeks, and especially so in this country and in Europe have been greatly reduced. There have been orders for over 4,000 tons of Swedish iron in coils put in this market during the week. Owing to the scarcity of supplies in Sweden, however, dealers are slow to secure these orders, although prices have advanced over \$1 per ton over the figures ruling a few weeks since. These rods are not kept in stock here, but dealers depend on getting their supplies direct from Sweden. Cables from Europe say that the production of iron in Sweden has already been contracted for, for the balance of this year, and if the demand from buyers here continues as active as it has been during the past week, there is no telling what high prices will be forced for 1890 delivery. A Boston buyer now in Sweden cables that it is impossible to get iron there for early delivery, while prices are being stimulated greatly by the strong American buying.

This stronger tone to Swedish iron is thought to be the natural reaction following the disastrous loss of prices which has prevailed for the past few years. The depression had been going on so long that the production in Sweden became greatly reduced, and now that the market has turned, and an upward movement begun, there is every prospect of its being maintained for some time. The buying and selling of iron, particularly for stockpiling purposes, and but little speculation has been done. The trade believes in higher prices, and shrewd buyers have already contracted for supplies to carry them well through next year. Swedish iron from stores has been advanced to \$35.50 per 65 tons for bars, and \$25.50 per 65 tons for rods, while the old iron has been restored and is being rigidly advanced.

Figures in meeting with a steady call, and values continue firm for all grades. The advance in coke and the general strength of the market gives dealers the impression that values will advance still more, and as buyers are in want of supplies, they are not purchasers at full rates. The fact that most of the buying in the east is being done on the method of having the goods ordered as supplies are needed, prevents any speculating by foundrymen, and as a rule sales are being made as buyers are in need of supplies. The receipts of southern pig iron have been more liberal of late, as the steamers have had more room since the watermelon season has been over. Scotch iron is still nominal.

The market for bar iron shows more strength, although the general delivery movement is still moderate. Pennsylvania mills are asking for prices of \$1.10 per ton, while in some instances prices have been put up 20c per ton. Eastern mills are also being put in their views, bid of \$1.75 for large lines being refused by two mills. The feeling is that values will rule higher, and general conditions appear favorable. Tank iron and general manufacturing grades are firm and meeting with a steady sale.

The market for steam piping is firm, and the mills are being called for. There is a sharp demand for work, productions being taken as fast as turned out. There will be a meeting of manufacturers next week, when it is expected that a reduction of 2 1/2 per cent. will be made. The demand for radiators and piping for steam heating purposes is good. Boiler tubes are firm at full rates.

The steel market is also showing the same improvement noted in other metals, with values firm for all kinds. The New York market of special importance is reported in the steel rail market. Nearly all have orders under consideration involving fair sized quantities, but a slight difference in the matter of buyers' and sellers' ideas as to prices momentarily holding business in abeyance. All eastern contracts are being filled, and orders in hand, and \$25 at works is still named as close rate for standard sections.

The nail market is showing considerable strength, although no advance in prices can be noted as yet. The advance in raw materials, and the fact that a tendency to force the price of finished material up. Sheet iron remains firm and the demand is improving. Blacksmiths' supplies generally quiet.

Old iron remains quiet, but values remain firm. The New York market shows steady prices for old rails and scrap.

Copper is quiet with a general tone easier. The break in the proposed combination of mine owners gives buyers the impression that low prices will prevail, and values have declined fully 1 cent per pound through the competition to sell. The jobbing price is unchanged. Tin is firm and higher. London strike prevents any demand for supplies to this country. Tin plates are firm but quiet. Lead holds steady with no change in spot and sheet.

The condition of the dry goods market is firm, with operations still active in jobbing circles. Salesmen in the west are securing liberal orders for reasonable fabrics, while the store trade looks up to a fair aggregate volume. The market for men's wear wools holds steady, and new business with manufacturers is active. The leading mills in possession of sufficient orders booked to carry them well through the season. Worsteds remain quiet, but firm, with overcautions doing quite well. The movement in cotton goods continues moderate, although a fair demand of both bleached and brown goods is going on with jobbers, while the accumulation with manufacturers is light. Colored cottons continue quiet and steady. The market is slow with only moderate lots being picked up. Dress goods are moving well with jobbers and hold firm. The mills have generally advanced their prices for goods, and jobbers get out of supplies they are obliged to pay higher rates. Flannels are still going freely into use, and the demand is improving. The London wool market is gradually getting in supplies for sale to open on September 17. There has been a slight movement in Cape wool for manufacturers' account, but I cannot quote any advance in values, and in the country there has not been quite the advance quantity selling, such as London cable. Estimates as to quantity for sale by auction are 70,000 bales Sydney and Port Phillip, 17,000 bales Queensland, just a few new city, 25,000 Adelaide, 2,000 River, 3,000 Tasmania, 70,000 bales New Zealand, 25,000 bales Cape, 25,000 bales Natal, amongst which a few good lots may be found, but does not come just now. Altogether a small sale of 225,000 bales.

We can now see how much wool will be on the market when the season opens, and just after these lines appear in print, there will be very little to tempt you, except amongst the Sydney and New Zealand, and Cape for greasy merino combing, also some good crossbred amongst the New Zealand. I suppose, if the truth be told, you are not keen for buying at present, probably you will be quite ready to sell a few if you could get your price out of Europe. This frame of mind will suit all parties, and the consumers this side of the water ought to be equal to the absorption of all the desirable lots at about the present level of values, though the last few weeks have not been so good on this side as some people expected. What with the harvest not being up to promise of a couple of months ago, the difficulties of our cotton people in Lancashire, with short time and its attendant less money for help to take, which means fewer comforts and less new clothing in autumn; and now, to cap it all, this big strike of London labor, which is rapidly extending, so that it has for a time paralyzed the trade of the great port, it is no wonder that the outlook is not as cheerful as it was a while ago. People are hesitating, asking what next is in store, and the time the factories are turning out immense quantities

of manufactures, so that it is pretty certain that stocks of goods must be accumulating in some hands; as old orders run out, new ones do not come in fast enough; in fact, there are some unpleasant reports of orders, being either canceled or suspended, and it is soon more clearly how the harvest is really going to turn out.

There is no change to note in the boot and shoe market. Business is fairly satisfactory and prices are steady. Jobbers are pressing for the balance of their orders, and the factories are, as a rule, fully employed. There are, however, some complaints about the undue distribution of orders, as some manufacturers have more business than they can attend to, while others are rather slack. There is a fair number of buyers in the market, some of whom are already placing orders for spring samples as well as buying seasonable goods. The reports from the west, northwest and the southwest are encouraging for a good fall trade. Heavy crops are being harvested and a large demand for boots and shoes is expected in all sections, and it is believed that collections will be easy. Most of the boots and shoes are in moderate request, but kip and split goods are receiving more attention than the finer class of shoes. Duplicate orders for heavy boots are coming in freely, and manufacturers of such goods are busy. There is a good movement in all kinds of women's fine goods. The leather market is gaining in strength, and dealers report a moderate amount of business, the sample trade being especially active. There is a moderate increase in production, and higher prices are expected to result from this fact.

There is still a quiet tone to the tea market, with operations confined to the picking up of small lots as they are required to keep full assortments. The market continues firm for domestic teas, and for the best teas, and all indications point to light offerings of the best teas this season. No change in the situation is noted in China cables, choice teas holding firm there. Japan teas have shown more strength of late, and the market is quoted firm. Low grades of teas are still nominal rather easy. Old Amoy teas are nominal.

Business continues good for coffee in all departments, with the warehouse deliveries showing an advance for all Brazilian grades. Reports from the Brazil crop are very contradictory, but the general impression seems to be that the Brazilian crop has not been up to the expectations. Jamaica grades are nominal, while Mocha and Java are nominal.

Trade is fair although buyers are operating mostly in small lots, taking a car or so at a time. Spring patens for September shipment are being offered at lower rates, but for spot supplies or prompt shipment values are held steady. Winter wheat are meeting with a fair call, and hold steady in price.

STEALING JULIET'S TOMB.

The Englishman Who Tried to Run Away With a Large Piece.

One of the choicest attractions of Verona for strangers, especially for those who know the works of Shakespeare, says a Rome letter to the Glasgow Herald, is the so-called tomb of Juliet in the vicinity of the swift-flowing Adige. A large portion—not less than six pounds weight—of this tomb was broken off and was almost carried away by a person described as an Englishman. The story as told in the Verona papers, relates that an English lady and gentleman went to visit the tomb of Juliet and Romeo three or four days ago. Before leaving the spot the Englishman handed a note of 100 to the custodian of the place in order that the ordinary fee might be deducted and the change handed to the visitor. While the custodian searched in his pocket for change the tourist produced a hammer from his pocket and by a sharp blow on the rude sarcophagus of red Verona marble which is said to have enshrined Juliet, broke off a piece of about three kilograms or six pounds weight. The Englishman was seen rapidly from the scene of destruction and desecration. The custodian, who had observed the deed pursued him and suggested the propriety of his giving up the plunder. The Englishman protested and was only after a lengthened debate that the visitor finally delivered up the fragment broken off the Juliet sarcophagus. Such is the story now going the rounds of the papers.

Lord's illustration of the matter is an illustration entitled "The Robbers of Aulejeos (tiles) at the Alhambra," representing an Englishman of the continental type, accompanied by his wife, and engaged in hammering off the colored tiles from the walls of that incomparable building. This is the idea that many French and Spanish and Italian people have of the Englishman abroad. The report of the attempt to carry off three kilograms of the Juliet's tomb will confirm the old idea. It matters but little that no one who knows the history of the place regards the tomb as genuine for the people of Verona are as quick as lightning in detecting strangers to visit their city as if it were the indisputable sepulchre of the unfortunate daughter of the Capulets. Murray notes that "it certainly was shown in the last century, before Shakespeare became generally known to the Italians."

Maria Louise got a bit of it, which she caused to be divided into hearts and gems, elegant necklaces, bracelets, etc., and many other sentimental young and elderly ladies have followed her majesty's example. It is all very well for a royal personage, such as Marie Louise, to get a bit of this tough-like tomb, but an unknown English traveler who attempts to carry off a couple of pounds of marble in a surreptitious manner, even for the gratification of sentiment, is treated with scorn by the journalists of the whole country, and deservedly so.

THE OLD GOVERNESS.

A Fine Piece of Word Painting From the London News.

A quiet, careworn presence, a neat black gown of simple, dignified fashion—a gown which never rustles, even upon high days and holidays, when its material is of silk. Her eyes are faded, and their orbits are hollow, but in them lingers a look of youth. Her thin oval cheeks have fallen in, she regards the displacement of natural teeth, decayed, with the sound imitation article, as an innovation so daring as almost to border upon the impious. Her hair—still plentiful, though thickly streaked with gray—is dressed nearly after the fashion of thirty years ago. You notice her first at luncheon, sitting at the bottom of the table, on the left hand of the master of the house. She has the kindly expression of a person for a "little of the cold world which stands before you, and bushes consciously when you send her the liver wing. A servant drops a dish-cover with a clatter, and your hostess looks reproachfully at her. A bottle of claret is discovered to be corked; the old governess and the butler exchange deprecating glances. You find her sitting in a shaded nook of the drawing-room after dinner, playing a croquet-needle, lace-bobbin, or crochet-hook, for Penelope herself was not a more enthusiastic workwoman. You sit down by her and engage her in a little delectable conversation. Her work—your admiring it—yes—it is a new stitch! The School of Needlework recently exhibited some such design. One of the daughters of the house commenced it, found it difficult and threw it aside. It seems symbolic of her mission in life that she should never commence anything for herself—that all her time and patience should be expended in picking up the false stitches. In securing the trade of the great port, it is no wonder that the outlook is not as cheerful as it was a while ago. People are hesitating, asking what next is in store, and the time the factories are turning out immense quantities

into a flutter and perturbation of spirits. She can not be induced to admit the superiority of the electric over the more antiquated methods of illumination. The phonograph is to her a mystery so occult as to be almost sinful, and the inventor of such things are persons to be avoided as the plague. She begins, holly leaguers with a potentate whose name she would rather not mention. She sees the exhibition of the Royal Academy yearly, and occasionally accompanies the younger daughters of the family to the popular concert. She is so weak and childlike that the idea of her chaperoning anybody seems a gentle kind of joke—with tears behind it. She does not visit the theater unless it be in pantomime season, when the grandchildren of the house are taken to Drury Lane. For the time being she is almost as excited as the juveniles and leads the applause—the soft woolen gloves of the youngest and chubbier spectators are black and black ones. She will tell you that Mr. Irving is a very fine actor—that Mr. Blank has seen him—with a gentleness of triumph. She never asserts anything upon her responsibility, though she is constantly appealed and referred to upon any and every occasion by all the members of the family. Any one who should hint to her that the family were a trifle exacting would be down in her dove-colored book forever. Never were such benevolent, agreeable, witty, handsome, talented people in her opinion. "The simple savin'" smokes continually on her humble altar. She has bowed before that altar for more than thirty years.

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John L. as a Committeeman.

Chicago Tribune: Chairman of Congressional Committee—"I take it for granted, gentlemen, that we shall refer favorably on the bill referred to us, defining the barbarous practice of holding boxing contests with skin-tight gloves in the District of Columbia as a felony, and prescribing a penalty of not less than one year in the penitentiary."

[Enter Committeeman Sullivan, the honorable member from Boston.]

The Chairman (resuming):—"Mr. Sullivan, we were about considering this bill in relation to sparring exhibitions. What is your opinion of it?"

Congressman Sullivan—"It's a bloody shame to bring in such a bill as that. I kin lick any fellow that's in favor of it, but my eyes, no! I'm willin' to do it right here if necessary."

The Chairman (with alacrity):—"Mr. Sullivan's judgment, gentlemen, is that of an expert. I take it for granted, gentlemen, that we shall report unanimously against this infamous bill."

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